

Hounds Bow To A.U. In M-D Tourney

Running With The Hounds

Not Quite Enough

BY BOB FLEISHMAN, SPORTS EDITOR

Wee Willie Jones bounced the ball slowly just outside the foul circle, then suddenly darted to his left and cut toward the basket. He was fouled as he went up for the shot.

"It happens every time," the cute little brunette from American U. next to me said, "every time." She was right. Jones sunk the foul, and he and his teammates went on from that opening play to trip the Hounds, 61-53, in the Mason-Dixon Conference Tournament semi-finals. Loyola could never quite make up an 11-point deficit late in the game, although they got it down to three with seconds remaining, only to have Ed Clements come off the A.U. bench with some clutch foul shooting to ice the verdict for the visitors.

It was a crushing climax to a comeback campaign which figured to be one of Loyola's worst in years, according to preseason forecasts. Very few, including Coach "Lefty" Reitz, would have predicted the Hounds would give the league champions a rough time in the tourney semi-finals, let along even getting to the tournament in the first place.

First-round action in the tourney found all four top-seeded teams romp over their opponents. American used a 12-point streak near the end of the first half to break a 21-21 tie with Randolph-Macon, and go on to win, 75-55. Frank Weiss was the big man for the Eagles with 26 points, all from the floor. I was keeping a play-by-play account of the game, and the same brunette was next to me (What a coincidence!) saying, "Guess who?" when I asked who scored the last American field goal. It was getting monotonous after a while.

Mt. St. Mary's used the same pattern as American to top Roanoke, 94-72, and Hampden-Sydney capitalized on Johns Hopkins poor shooting to roll to an 81-65 win.

John Heagney's 19 points led the Hounds to their first-round victory over Catholic U., 80-62. Loyola got off to a quick 14-3 lead, and it increased it to 36-25 at half-time.

In the final game for the Hounds, the two teams traded baskets until Loyola led, 14-13, on McGuire's two foul shots. But again American busted it open with 8 straight points by Jones, Weiss, and Dick Wells, and led, 27-20, at the half. American lengthened its lead to 51-40, with four minutes left, but Loyola wasn't through yet. O'Hara, high scorer with 16 points, hit on a hook shot and added two fouls; Heagney hit with a jump; and O'Hara again from the free throw line, cut the lead to 51-47. Murn sunk two more foul shots and Heagney potted another long one-hander, but each time Clement was equal to the task.

I was all ready to tell the brunette that next season Loyola would probably win everything without any trouble because we only lose three men by graduation, but the buzzer sounded ending the game. I didn't even get her address. Well, wait 'till next year!!

Mr. Athlete, Bucky Foote, Is Triple Sport Standout

By Hugh McKenna

The name of Charles "Bucky" Foote will usually be found gracing the printed lines of the Greyhound Sports Page throughout the entire school year. This short, stocky junior through his outstanding physical facilities finds himself sporting his athletic prowess all year around.

During his freshman and sophomore years, Bucky devoted his time mainly to baseball and basketball, performing excellently in both.

Baseball has so far proven to be Buck's strongest sport. Foote has shown the Loyola baseball fans some fine fielding at his short-stop position and while performing like a star in the infield, he also wields a pretty fair hickory. Bucky has been among the top batsmen on the club both of his seasons, leading the team last year with a .384 average.

On the hardwood court Bucky played on the frosh-soph squad for two seasons and this year he fought his way to a starting guard position on the varsity club. This season he compiled a fairly respectable 6.4 scoring average, coupling a set shot and a jump shot for his baskets.

Bucky's pluckiest exhibition



Bucky Foote is a star in three sports for Loyola College.



Figures Tell The Story

Random facts and figures about this year's Hound basketball team:

Record against non-league opposition was a measly 2 wins and eight losses, but Mason-Dixon competition allowed the Greyhounds to end their overall season at 500, 11-11 (9-3 log in the conference) . . . Only four players were in every game this season, among them Denny McGuire, who went through the whole campaign without an injury (Surprise!). Others were Jack Cummings, Gene Nieberlein, and Joe O'Hara.

High scoring effort of the year went to Nieberlein, who bagged 34 markers against Western Maryland in Westminster. An oddity about this was that last year's top effort was made on the same court, Paul Dodd scoring 41 . . .

McGuire hit double figures 17 times, with Nieberlein right behind with 12. Next came John Heagney, despite a late start, with 9 Cummings with 7, O'Hara with 7, Bucky Foote, 3; Joe Watkins, Tom Keys, and Ed Murn, each 2; and Mike Sneeringer, one . . .

No record has been kept of this next thing, officially, but one wonders if anybody has kept count of how many times Foote pulls up his socks during a game . . . Once he did it while dribbling at top speed on a fast break . . . (Just kidding Bucky!)

Record-Breakers Dept. — McGuire passed his own individual season total scoring mark in the 15th game of the year . . . Old record of 179 set in 1957. He finished season with 276. Cummings and Watkins also bettered their previous highs, Jack tripling his heretofore best, and Joe, more than doubling his.

High single game total for the team came against Kings Pt. in Emmitsburg when the Hounds ripped the Merchant Marines, 96-62 . . . Lowest total-vs Wagner, only 45 . . . Highest first-half total-44, against Western Md. at Westminster . . . Highest second half . . . a whopping 64 against Kings Pt, which might be a school record .

Sports Beat

By Steve Gavin

Although the recent trend in team basketball scoring has been downward, last week's Mason-Dixon Conference tournament brought two all-time individual college scoring leaders to Evergreen.

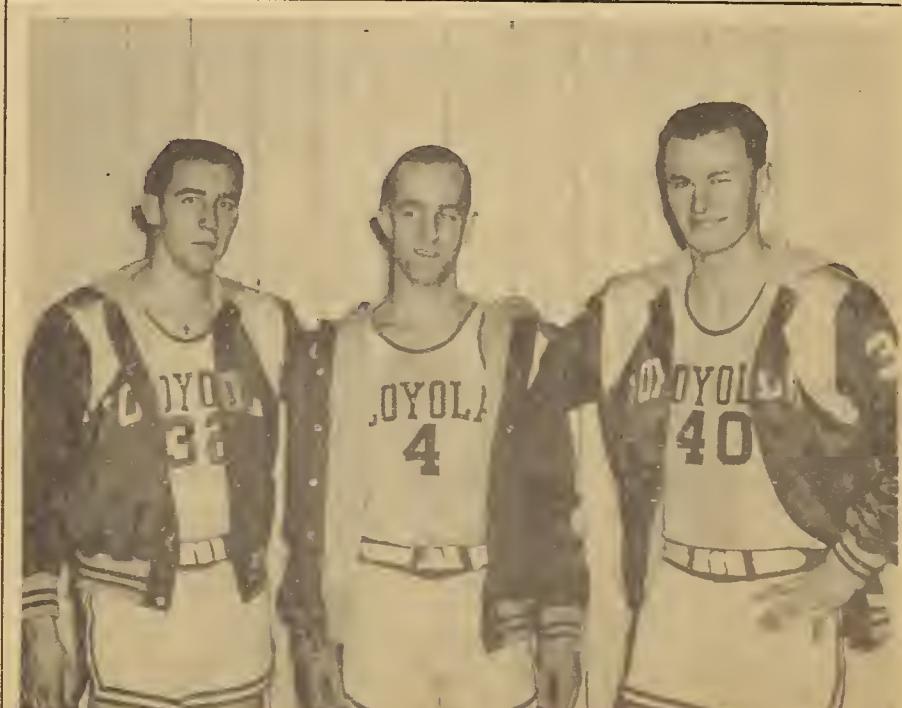
They were Frank Weiss, who bettered the career standard for American University set in 1947-51 by Leroy Ishman, and John Lynagh, Catholic University's senior sharpshooter who essayed a new all-time mark for the Cardinals in totaling more than 1,000 points in his career.

ASIDES: A promising basketball star made his first and only appearance for the Greyhounds when the "B" squad took on Mount St. Joe in a late-season encounter.

He was scrappy Charlie Sullivan, who in his brief appearance, handled the ball twice, didn't take a shot, but captured the fancy of the fans, as the sportswriters say, with his hustling play. Oh yes, he also succeeded in misplacing a warmup jacket afterwards. Must have been the excitement.

HOUND RECORD	
L	Opp.
72	Catholic U.
71	St. Peter's
51	Georgetown
56	St. Francis (NY)
65	Villanova
96	Kings Pt.
61	Hofstra
81	St. Michael's
68	Baltimore U.
53	Mt. St. Mary's
47	Washington Col
51	Seton Hall
89	Western Md
45	Wagner
50	Villa Madonna
72	American U.
67	Mt. St. Mary's
68	Hopkins
52	Hopkins
54	American U.
80	Washington C.

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Seniors Jack Cummings, Denny McGuire, and Joe Watkins played their last game at Loyola in the Mason-Dixon Tournament.

